

ABSTRACT

A method of performing diagnosis comprises receiving in a computer system executable program instructions that, when executed, cause the computer system to perform a first user-developed automated diagnostic procedure that either fails or passes depending on at least one condition in the computer system. The computer system has stored therein a program 1) that, when executed, performs a plurality of preconfigured automated diagnostic procedures and 2) that is configured to accept user-developed automated diagnostic procedures. The program is executed in the computer system and in so doing the plurality of preconfigured automated diagnostic procedures and the first user-developed automated diagnostic procedure are performed.